# ARKANSAS TEFRA-LIKE 1115 DEMONSTRATION FACT SHEET

Name of Section 1115 Demonstration: Arkansas TEFRA-like Demonstration

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### **SUMMARY**

The TEFRA-like demonstration continues to serve disabled children otherwise eligible for Medicaid under Section 134 of the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act (TEFRA) through the 1115 authority. The demonstration provides for a sliding scale premium based on the income of the custodial parent(s), beginning with those earning at least \$25,000. The annual premium paid by any family ranges from \$504 to \$5,500 (as a percent of income it would range from 1.00% to 2.75%).

## **ELIGIBILITY**

Children eligible for the TEFRA-like demonstration must meet the following requirements:

- Be an Arkansas resident;
- Be disabled according to the SSI definition;
- Be age 18 or younger;
- Be a U.S. citizen or a qualified alien;
- Have a Social Security Number or apply for one;
- Not have assets exceeding \$2000 (parental assets not considered); and
- Have income at less than the current Long Term Care income limit, currently at \$1635
  per month; i.e. the child would be Medicaid eligible if institutionalized (parental income
  not considered).

There is no enrollment cap on the number of children who can be served under the demonstration.

## **DELIVERY SYSTEM**

Services provided to children through the demonstration are delivered through the State's network of Medicaid providers. Demonstration beneficiaries receive services through a primary care physician (PCP) and all provider reimbursement is on a fee-for-service basis.

#### **BENEFITS**

All Medicaid State plan services are provided under the demonstration.

## **QUALITY AND EVALUATION PLAN**

Arkansas uses the following quality assurance strategies:

- Maintenance of the Medicaid grievance and appeal system;
- Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care Inc. (AFMC) review of substandard care allegations;
- Surveillance and Utilization Review Subsystem to identify aberrant provider practices; and
- AFMC conduct of provider education efforts.

The following outcome measures will be used to evaluate the impact of the demonstration:

- Budget neutrality;
- Access to services;
- Beneficiary satisfaction surveys; and
- Evaluation for special disease states.

#### **COST-SHARING**

The demonstration provides for a sliding scale premium based on the income of the custodial parent(s), beginning with those earning at least \$25,000. The annual premium paid by any family ranges from \$504 to \$5,500 (as a percent of income it would range from 1.00% to 2.75%).

# **STATE FUNDING SOURCE**

The State of Arkansas certifies that State/local monies are used as matching funds for the demonstration and that such funds shall not be used as matching funds for any other Federal grant or contract, except as permitted by law.

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